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## DEAN OF STUDENTS COLUMN

## Congratulations with the New Year!



*Not a single professor can teach you, dear students, those written and unwritten rules societal rules we live by. You learn them your selves. Each new student learns how to survive in AUCA, by following the examples of the elder peers. And this is fine. Any artist begins by copying previous works.*

*I only wish to ALL OF US, to pick the RIGHT IDEA TO COPY FROM...*

*Dear students, be creative, be critical and hardworking. Use everything that the university provides. Don't miss a single detail. We, on the other hand, professors and staff, will do our best to be your leaders and guides, not your bosses.*

*Together, we can achieve anything.*

*Congratulations with the New Year!*

*Dean of students  
Nikolai Shulgin*

*In reality, the student year begins in September with the same feelings of the beginning of a new life, new hopes and new horizons...*

*I am very happy when AUCA students are leaping with joy at the end of each academic year, a time when holidays begin. But I am even more happy when we meet again at the end of august. We miss each other, and that means that things are not so bad on this planet called "AUCA".*

## PROJECT

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS, DOUBTS  
OR QUESTIONS ABOUT ANYTHING  
ABOUT AUCA  
ASK NEW STAR**

**THESTAR@MAIL.AUCA.KG**

## BIG THANKS...

**The AUCA initiative group would like to thank the student body, faculty, staff and friends for all the donations that went toward the air crash victims of the horrible disaster on August 24, 2008. The total amount of money raised for this significant cause includes some money that was also raised from two other causes.**

**The first cause was from the donations that went to last year's replacement of the flag, which came to 250 soms. The flag was replaced from a different budget, and that is why it will be used for the crash victims instead. The second cause was from the donations box that was placed in the cafeteria last spring. Usually this money would go toward a children's fund of some sort, but since we felt no specific cause was in front of us at this time, we thought we would just add it to this most recent need. The total from the donations box came to 417 soms.**

**Therefore, the complete sum that we are sending to the crash victims through a special bank account is 4291 soms. Once again, big thanks to the whole AUCA community for their contributions and for acting so quickly in regards to this tragic event. Let us not forget what happened on August 24, 2008. Our prayers are still with those families who suffered a loss and those recovering in the hospitals.**

**If you would still like to make a donation, you can do a money transfer at the "Manas" bank. Contact information:  
"Manas" bank,  
Str. Logvinenko, 14 (crossing Bokonbaev's str.,  
next to "Yusa" restaurant)  
Tel. 996-312-664242.**

**Author: Todd Evans**

# FIRST IMPRESSIONS BY AUCA VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF

# IMPRESSIONS BY FRESHMAN

**F**irst Impressions by AUCA Volunteers and Staff

Making a very strong first impression is always important. From meeting a random person on the street or some popular politician dude, any first impression will be a long lasting experience. The Freshman Orientation of the Fall 2008 Semester at AUCA provided new students with very strong first impressions of our university that will last the rest of lives. I was very privileged to be able to join the large group of volunteers and help the new coming in freshmen have a remarkable experience. I was so impressed by everyone's involvement and how they all worked together to make all the new freshmen feel welcomed by the family of AUCA.

New Student Orientation at AUCA reminded me of my first year of college when I was in the States and being the new guy with the 'deer in the headlights' look on my face. I didn't know many people or how to get to class, but I remember having such a positive experience because of the students that helped me find my way around the campus. It really helped me get acclimated fast and start my college years strong. Then my last year at my college, I was elected to the school's student council and had the privilege of giving back my college the very same positive experience that I got to the new freshmen coming in by providing them with a good first impression.

Let us at AUCA continue to harness these first impressions and be the gift that keeps on giving for the years to come at AUCA.

Todd Evans

*On behalf of all Freshmen*

*Сегодня мы все родились,  
Сегодня мы все повзрослели.  
Забывли мы робость, усталость,  
покой  
Как смелые воины, все ринулись в бой.*

*Мы с песнями и танцами вошли в алма mater,  
Что больше похож на бурлящий кратер.  
Здесь радость, веселье, конечно же,  
GIRLS  
И парни не хуже чем Backstreet Boys.*

*С улыбкою встретила мать наша Нигwitz  
Гром аплодисментов, как из тысячи бойниц.  
Отец наш, конечно, Big Papa Shulgin,  
Who show us his щедрость кредитом одним.*

*Сестра наша старшая, заботою всех одарила,  
Она нам любовь свою щедро дарила.  
Богиня любви, что в Египте Венера,  
С завистью к нашей там, в небе парила.*

*А брат наш крутой, весельчак и задир,  
Смешил всех нас аж до "иноного мира".  
Носит он карточку со словом Максим,  
Мы верим ему и любим таким.*

*Но это не все наши сестры и братья,  
Нуриля, Дильнура, Салта и Катя.  
Их много таких, и все нам друзья.  
Хоть всех мы не знаем,  
Но все нам семья!!!*



# Dear Students!



## Dear Students, of AUCA!

Each fall I look forward to the first issue of our student newspaper and, with it, to the opportunity to share with you some thoughts about our very special University and your role in its development. I believe this is an especially good occasion on which to reflect with you on the wonderful opportunity that we have both in The Star and overall to express ourselves freely and openly based on well-founded information and well-developed ideas.

With the privilege of study at an institution of higher learning dedicated to the liberal arts and to the pursuit of enlightened analysis and decision-making comes the responsibility to act nobly, to inquire politely and to explore deeply the questions that we raise. As future scholars, public leaders and entrepreneurs it is your privilege and your responsibility to exercise freedom of expression with wisdom and care. The freedom to inquire is both a right and a responsibility in a democratic society and an open university. Framing good questions is a skill that liberal arts universities model and teach every

day. Researching and answering well-framed questions is the best approach to the development of knowledge and of plans for ethical action. No matter what your course of study at AUCA, the inquiry and the resolution of the inquiry are essential for your future.

I believe that each and every student at our great University should explore freedom of expression honestly, authentically and nobly. It is through this noble exploration that we continue to grow as an institution and that each of you grows individually on the great stage of AUCA. I wish all of you to develop the self-respect and the self-confidence to be responsible academic citizens. Please stay away from claiming someone else's ideas as your own. Instead give someone else the credit, whether an expert whose ideas you have read or a friend or colleague with whom you work. Don't plagiarize; instead, share the source. Please, too, avoid attributing to someone words they never uttered, always verifying the truth or the misunderstanding behind a rumor before you inadvertently or, worse, intentionally spread it. Responsible citizenship in our academic community depends upon all of us affirming honesty, disavowing dishonesty and celebrating the search and the discovery of new ideas and new ways of working together.

Your freedom as a member of our community depends upon responsible adherence to the principles and values of our University. Help us, dear students, to remain free from corruption, calumny, cheating and arrogating to oneself the ideas of others. As you delve into your studies please remember our mission and our values and ask yourselves whether you, and we, are doing all that we can to meet them. In closing I site our mission and values statements developed in 2006-2007 by members of the faculty, staff, and students and endorsed by the Board of Trustees and ask you to ponder their meaning. I wish you all a marvelous academic year and to The Star a lustrous time.

### The Mission and Values of AUCA

American University of Central Asia is an international, multi-disciplinary learning community in the American liberal arts tradition that develops enlightened and impassioned leaders for the democratic transformation of Central Asia.

American University of Central Asia values responsible freedom in the search for truth and justice. We are honest, self-critical, and respectful. We cherish critical inquiry and investigative learning both for their own sake and for the development of an open, diverse and just society that suits the region in which we learn and serve.

*Thank you. Ellen S. Hurwitz, Ph.D. and President*

IN THIS SECTION WE WOULD HAVE PUT A VERY SPECIAL INTERVIEW  
WITH OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF AUCA, BERMET TURSUNKULOVA.  
WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR IT TO BE SUBMITTED AND ARE HOPING  
THAT IT WILL BE PUBLISHED IN OUR NEXT ISSUE.

# ORDER

From September 19, 2007



**DEAR FACULTY, STAFF  
AND STUDENTS OF AUCA!**

**According to the laws of the Kyrgyz Republic, the orders of the Ministry of Education and Science of the KR, and the moral and ethical norms accepted by our university, I beg to inform you:**

**1. Starting September 24, AUCA is a non-smoking area, (including the PATIO).**

**2. I believe that faculty and staff who previously used the patio for smoking will understand this order and will give it their support.**

**3. Those students who are caught smoking or using inappropriate language on the patio or in other parts of AUCA will be punished according to the "Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct of AUCA." The level of punishment will depend on the level of the violation and the circumstances involved. Punishment can include:**

**-WARNING  
-PROBATION PERIOD  
-EXCLUSION FROM THE UNIVERSITY (LOOK AT THE ABOVEMENTIONED CODE)**

**4. On September 24, AUCA will launch the Campaign for Alcohol and Tobacco-Free Living.**

**5. I ask faculty and staff not to pass by violations of public order and to inform the student affairs office about violators.**

*I am sure that our community will understand this order and treat nonsmoking people with respect.*

*With respect to all smokers and nonsmokers,*

*Dean of Students of AUCA,  
Shulgin N.*

*September 19, 2007*

# ON THE TOP OF THE WORLD

## Visiting Pamir, Travel Notes



Visiting Pamir, the southern part of Tajikistan, will bring you different kinds of experiences that you probably wouldn't get elsewhere. Pamir is in the isolated mountain region of Tajikistan, which has an autonomy status since the Soviet days. Along the border is a river known to many locals as "Punch," which separates Tajikistan from northern Afghanistan.

Our journey began with a flight from the capital of Dushanbe to Khorog, the main town in the Pamir region. By the way, we spent three days trying to buy the tickets for a flight, because the office selling them only does so on the day of the actual flight. Therefore, no one could book or buy them ahead of time. So, remember while planning your own trip to Tajikistan, that traveling by car just might be the most convenient way to get around.

Finally, we got our tickets and boarded a small aircraft, model Antonov An-28, at the Dushanbe airport. I was so surprised to see all the packs of drinking water in the pilot's cabin as I entered the plane. I wondered

what on earth all this water was for and then I found out later on when the pilot opened the cabin doors midway through the flight. I saw with my own eyes as he distributed all the water bottles to all the passengers with one of his hands while his other hand was still holding onto the stirring column which was controlling the plane. It was quite a show!

The route that the plane took went through beautiful mountain peaks and then some deep gorges with a striking view of the mountain range on either side. The passengers were marveled at the moments in the flight when the rocks formations seemed only to be about fifteen meters away from the plane's wings. Every heartbeat onboard increased rapidly when the turbulence began shaking the plane heavily. At this point one must rely upon the experience of the pilot to make sure nothing

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bad happens. This air route is considered being one of the world's most dangerous routes for pilots to fly, and it definitely was an unforgettable experience for all of the passengers.

The city of Khorog met us with cool weather, compared to Dushanbe's blistering July heat. This town has only one main street, which is named after Lenin. The city is also geographically located between two large mountain tops, both exceeding 2,200 meters above sea level.

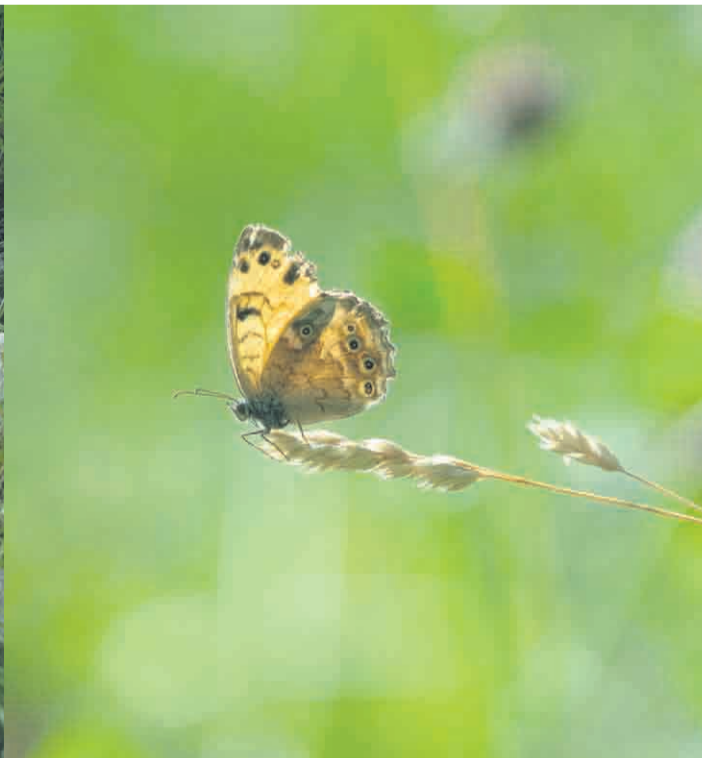
Pamir impresses tourists with its snow-covered peaks; the highest one being the Ismail Somoni Peak (formerly called, Communism Peak), which is 7,495 meter high. The local people, referred to as Pamirians, will surely impress you with their incredible hospitality. I'll never forget the man whom I met in one of the mountain villages that we passed through because he invited us into his house and offered us everything he had for lunch. Most of the village people are cattlemen who provide their families with products grown in their own gardens. I still remember that wonderful taste of homemade butter that melted in my mouth as I bit into it. I have never tried anything like that in my life.

We returned to Dushanbe by way of road. On the way I was deeply moved by what I saw on the road from Pamir. I saw vast lands heavily populated with landmines on either side and dozens of burnt up tanks left over from two wars this country has gone through. During the Soviet-Afghan war, this infantry minefield was set up along the riverbank to help prevent people from illegally crossing the border from Afghanistan. Now time has passed by, the troops are all gone, and minefield maps are no more, but the historical remains that I saw will remain in the hearts of the people for a very long time.

By road it takes about twenty hours to drive back to the capital, and I saw a number of small cafés ("Chay hana") waiting for the travelers in the villages all along the way. The people that I came into contact with were very open and friendly. I received such warm hospitality from them and felt that they were more than happy to answer all the tourist questions that one may have. So, if you ever visit Pamir in the beautiful nation of Tajikistan, always remember that people will be glad to share their culture with you.

*Pavel Konovalov*

PHOTOS BY PROF. CHADHA



# SOCCER GIRL AISULU MELISBEK



**Aisulu Melisbek, but her friends call her Aslele, is one of the players of the AUCA Female Soccer Team. This athletic squad was founded last year by an initiative that included several of AUCA's female students and the added supervision of Shulgin N.G. Asele is always a very exciting and interesting soccer player and so she decided to tell us about her feelings and expectations of this wonderful sport.**

**What feelings did you have after the opening of a female soccer course as AUCA?**

I was very happy because now our team has an opportunity to show everyone at AUCA the kind of soccer players we are. I go to all the trainings with enthusiasm, and wish to show my worth.

**You have played soccer in AUCA for about a half-year. Do you have some improvements in your soccer skills?**

That goes without saying. With all the training I've done, I have improved my soccer skills and every goal is a big happiness for me. I make it an aim to play better.

**Why did you decide play soccer?**

I have loved playing soccer ever since my childhood. When I was nine, I lived in Iran and quite often I used to gather with some of the Iranian children in the backyard to play soccer with them. We also played soccer after school when our lessons were finished.

I remember my first soccer tournament that took place at school. We finished in 2nd place and were each awarded silver

medals. I have kept my medal until now because when I look at it, I reminisce about my first game and what it means to me today.

**You had a small competition that took place between the departments and your Star Promo group. What feelings did you have before the game?**

The night before the big game, I was really excited and had a stomachache. I could not sleep for a long time and imaged all the horrors of the coming game. Eventually, I fell asleep and had a nice dream. In it I saw a huge green field and I was one-on-one with the goalkeeper. I scored goal after goal and felt myself as a soccer superstar. In the morning all the nervousness and fear had disappeared and I remember feeling very confident. This was a very important quality for me because it gave me the force to put up all my strength in the game.

**What are your plans for future?**

Our soccer team is planning to play a friendly match with the KIMEP team in Kazakhstan. There is no doubt that our win will depend on vigorous training and excellent calisthenics. We are not sure exactly what the future holds, but we are really trying hard because we want to show everyone what we all have.

**What do you have to say to students who do some sport?**

Hold on to the end and do your best!!!

*Anarbaeva Natali*

## DEAR AUCA STUDENTS



Please accept my most sincere congratulations on the beginning of new academic year! Let this year be a wonderful one for you in terms of new academic and professional challenges and your career planning and development!

In this short address I would like to give you a short report on the Career Center activities for the last year and cover our plans and deliberate actions for the new year.

So, during the Fall semester Career Center will provide students and alumni with all the available data on graduate school as all the scholarship programs open up in autumn. We have already conducted presentations on Asian Development Bank scholarships, Bishkek Resources Center gave a presentation on how to apply for the US universities and search funds for studies individually. Last week DAAD consultant talked about scholarships in Germany. Within September and October we also will organize presentations by Soros Foundation on its scholarship programs and Central European University. We also invited IREX representatives to talk to the AUCA students on MUSKIE and UGRAD programs. At the beginning of October the workshop on writing a statement of purpose will be conducted by the Career Center.

Also during this semester we will organize several company tours to the industry and business companies. Those trips promise to be really exciting and useful for our students in terms of finding out what are the career opportunities available out there!

As for the Spring semester, we have already planned totally new type of service which will be called "What can I do with my major? Your filed of study – as business!" which will replace the career exploration day that was very popular among the AUCA students. Hopefully, this event will be more applicable in terms of providing students with broader and deeper look at their future profession! Unlike Career Exploration Days, this event will be organized more than once for students of all AUCA programs depicting

more opportunities and enlightening different sides of their academic fields!

AUCA Career Fair is planned for end of March/beginning of April 2009. It will be AUCA Career Fair only, organized totally by AUCA Career Center.

In the previous academic year Career Center was very productive providing AUCA students and alumni with high-quality career services and distributing information on vacancies and internships. During the 2007-2008 academic year Career Center conducted 5 workshops on career planning and development tools; 8 Career Exploration Days; 18 on-campus presentations; and 4 company visits to the most successful industrial and business companies in Kyrgyzstan. Moreover, at the end of the year we provided AUCA students with the opportunity to train them in the process of job search and conducted mock interviews.

Throughout the 2007-2008 academic year Career Center sent out 184 vacancy announcements to the AUCA students and alumni. As a result, AUCA students and alumni made 36% of the total number of those ones who applied and more than 26% of them were employed and 19 students found and got internships! In fact these statistics is not fully correct, as it is impossible to reach all the employers we collaborate with and receive the analysis of their hiring procedures. Here we could reflect on the available data only!

Dear Freshmen, all the best to your at the starting point of your studies at the best university in Central Asia! Dear Students, welcome back to school! Please note that all of you are welcome at the Career Center and keep checking our website [www.career.auca.kg](http://www.career.auca.kg) which is constantly updated and gives you information on the upcoming events organized by the Career Center for you!

Good luck and best regards, yours sincerely,

*Lira Djuraeva,  
Career Services Coordinator.*



## HEALTHY EATING

It is 12:05pm. AUCA students are rushing towards "Kitchenette" and "Bravo" to eat some tasty food in order to gain energy for the rest of their busy days. Most of the time there are long lines of people who are striving to get something to eat. Admittedly, eating is an essential part of maintaining a healthy life.

Healthy eating is not always about keeping to a strict diet, forcing yourself to stay thin, or depriving your body from the food that you love. Rather, it is about having energy and trying to stay as healthy as possible. You can achieve a healthy life by applying some basic nutrition ideas to your diet and interpreting them in the right way. The problem with this is that there is so much advice out there and it's hard to get

your head around the right one to choose. The following list of healthy suggestions may be able to help you decide on a diet that suits you best:

- Eat plenty of fruits, vegetables, grains, and legumes – All of these are high in complex carbohydrates, fiber, vitamins, and minerals. They are also low fat and cholesterol free.
- Eat a wide variety of food – This gives more chance for your body to store lots of different types of vitamins that you need.
- Eat enough calories but not too many – Do not use more than your body expends. The amount of intake depends on your age, sex, height, weight, and physical activity.
- Keep portions moderate – Recent

years show that serving sizes have been getting larger over the years. Try not to order anything supersized and split a meal with a friend if it's too much for your diet.

- Limit sugar, salt, and processed-grain products – Remember that fruit juices can contain a large amount of sugar, which can be high in calories. So, eat lots of almonds, walnuts, and pecans, but try to avoid the salty or sugary kinds. Once again, be sure that you are consuming whole grain products and not just the processed type.
- Drink milk – It is a rich source of calcium, which is necessary for strong healthy bones. Be sure to choose the non-fat or low-fat dairy products over the full-fat choices.

- Keep your body moving – Exercising regularly and engaging in physical activity will help any healthy eating plan work better.

You should also educate yourself more about nutrition and how to keep a healthy diet. Some eight years back, being fat in our Central Asian culture was one of the signs of being wealthy, but now a days it is seen as just being a disease. Unfortunately, being underweight is a problem too. However, a healthy diet can prevent some kinds of cancer, certain forms of diabetes, and other dangerous health issues, while keeping you fit and full of energy to live an interesting life

*Elnura Aitbekova*



## ДРАМА НА ЛЕТНИХ КАНИКУЛАХ. «ГОРЯЧИЕ ВРЕМЕНА ДЛЯ ДРАМЫ»

Летние каникулы для большинства студентов - это начало отдыха, но только не для артистов Студенческого театра Дебют. С началом летних каникул для молодых артистов, начинается самое волнительное - время выступлений и гастролей.

Дебют неоднократно оправдывал свое название, становясь точкой опоры и старта для многих молодых талантов. По доброй традиции и этим летом артисты первокурсники поехали на свои первые гастролы. Первые гастролы дебютантов театра прошли на юге республики. Театр «Дебют» был приглашен на ежегодный

фестиваль Дружбы народов, проходящий в городе Ош. Основной целью проведения фестиваля является развитие толерантности и дружбы среди народностей, проживающих на территории Кыргызстана. В этом году названием фестивалю послужило романтическое словосочетание «В букете Кыргызстана разные цветы». В фестивале принимают участие школьники со всех средних школ города. Они выступают с танцами и песнями, отражающими суть различных культур. Атмосфера культурного разнообразия и межнациональной дружбы полностью

соответствовала атмосфере и духу АУЦА. По словам артистов на фестивале, они чувствовали себя как рыбы в воде. Организаторы также отметили, что артисты театра «Дебют», стали ключевым звеном фестиваля. «Заряжая позитивной энергией гостей и зрителей фестиваля, артисты-дебютанты создавали атмосферу веселья и настоящего праздника» - прокомментировала Татьяна Стоянова, представитель ОБСЕ.

Конец летних каникул всегда наступает неожиданно и быстро. Кыргызстанцы пытаются поймать послед-

нюю возможность отдохнуть на берегах лазурного озера. АУЦА же предоставил великолепную возможность актерам студенческого театра «Дебют» отдохнуть и одновременно настроиться на продуктивный учебный год. «Ежегодный летний лагерь для студентов театра «Дебют» - уникальное место для создания новых творческих идей и укрепления командного духа,» - прокомментировал Николай Григорьевич Шульгин, один из организаторов летнего лагеря.

*Наргиза Рыскулова.*

## Poetry section

Я так хочу чтоб было, что сказать  
Я так хочу чтоб было, что  
ответить  
Хочу, чтоб было, что мне  
вспоминать  
Тогда, когда не буду в цвете сил я  
этих

Не знаю я, зачем и почему  
Порою мне бывает так печально  
Похоже оттого, что грустно  
Не знают люди что к чему.

Порою, сидя у окна  
Мне кажется, что все  
остановилось  
И что быть может больше никогда  
Не повторю шагов сегодняшнего  
дня.

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Жизнь не предсказуема,  
И взяв Судьбу под руки,  
Они гуляют как подруги.  
Вчера смеялись и шутили  
Сегодня не хотят,  
А завтра поругаются.  
И человек меж них  
Как между двух огней.  
Сегодня улыбнулся он одной,  
Шепнул на ушко комплемент  
другой.

ЭМИ КАНТТИМ?

Окуу жылы башталды. Акниет жаны эле мектепти аяктап, жогорку окуу жайына тапшырганы даярданып жатты. Кубанычы ичине батпай, жашоосун таза барактан баштап жаткандай болуп жатты. Шаарда озунун уйжукболгондуктан, туугандарынын уруксатын жалынып жалбарып суранып атып, алар менен чогуу жашамай болду. Башынан абдан оор болду, бирок бир аз убакыттан кийин конуп калды.

Акниеттин жакшы даярданган себебинен экзамендерин тез эле берип бутту. Каалап жургон окуу жайына ийгиликтуу отту. Ошентип, туугандары менен чогуу жашап калды. Кичинекей, эки болмолуу уйдо, алты адам жашап калышты: Акниет, агасы, женеси жана алардын уч кичинекей баласы. Апасынан жакшы тарбия коргон Акниет, женесине колунан келген жардамын берчу. Негизинен, ал булардыкында жашап калгандан бери уй-оокаттын баарын Акниет гана бутурчу. Окуусунан шашып келип тамакты да жасагычы, кирди дагы жуучу, уйду дагы жыйначы кыскачасы эч качан бош отурчу эмес. Ошентсе да, женесине такыр жакпады. Уйдон башы оокаттан чыкпай, окуудан башы китепканадан чыкпай, байкуш кыз баарына чыдап журо берди.

Уй эки эле болмолуу болгондуктан; бир болмосун балдар ээлеп, экинчисин агасы менен женеси ээлешчу. Баарына тамак берип, идиштерди таптаза кылып жууп, балдарды жуунтуп буткондон кийин, Акниет кичинекей кухняга келип, ал жердеги бир карыштай болгон столдун устуно сабактарын окучу. Тунку он экиден баштап тан эртеменкиге чейин отурар эле, а, кээбирде ошол жакта уктап деле калчу. Окшош кундор...

Акниеттин мунозу да, атына окшош болчу. Эч качан эч бир адамга катуу айтпаган, эч качан эч кимге жамандык жазабаган.

- Туунандарыма ыразымын, мени уйуно жашатканына. Мейли, кичинекей буруч болсо да, ушул уйдо мен учун орун табылып калганына ыразымын- деп, Акниет кундо эртен менен ойгондон кийин кубанчы.

И как все девушки на свете  
Они растают, замечаются,  
А он бежит, сверкая пятками от  
них.  
Ну, он ловкач!!!  
Сбежал от двух коварных леди  
И встретил леди Счастье на пути.  
Влюбился раз и больше не рискнул.  
Судьба и Жизнь теперь смиренны,  
Ведь счастье есть у них.  
И оседлавши облака,  
Задели Эверест, вдохнули воздух  
ледяной.  
Ласкает ноги горячая вода  
Тольфстрима.  
Влюбляйтесь люди в Счастье.  
Ему подвластно всё.  
Светлана Пучина

К.

Рисунок  
Рисую на окошке  
Ромашки лепесток.  
Он будет нежно беленьким  
С розинкой-пуговкой.  
Сердечко будет желтеньким.  
Я нарисую пчёлку,  
А крылышки как сеточка,  
Прозрачные и нежные,  
Шуршат как ветерок.  
Ну, вот, цветочек мой расцвел.  
Тебе его дарю!!!!

Светлана Пучина

Кыш мезгили да келди. Жайдын жылуу бейкапар кундору алыста калышты. Кычыраган суук. Бороон. Каар. Кыздардын баары укмуштай болгон шубаларды, палтолорду кийип журушсо, Акниеттин болсо же бутунда жок, же устундо жок болуп журо берди. Апасы чалган сайын...

- Алтыным апа! Кандайсыз! Меники баары жакшы. Окууларым дагы жакшы. Женемдер мага жылуу палто сатып беришти ушугон жокмун. Сиз мен учун такыр кайгырбаныз. Сизге зыян. Апа, сиз бул дуйнодо эн мыкты апасыз! Сизди чексиз жакшы кором!!!

Деп Акниет, апасын кайгырбасын деп, озунун кыйынчылыктары жонундо эч качан айтпачы. А, женеси менен агасынын иштери да жокполчу. Дагы кудайга шукур окуган жери жакын болуп, Акниет ал жерге эски курткасын желкесине илип алып чуркап барып келчу. Кыз, билимге суусап турган кези, бул маселелердин баарына коп конул бурбай, андан коро сабактарына кобурок конул бурганга аракет кылчу.

Кундордун биринде, Акниет адатынча эле уй коздой чуркады. Подъездке киргенде, ал эшиктен бир аз жылуураак сезилди. Бир кабат которулуп, темир эшикти тарсылдатты. Эшикти женеси ачты. Акниет женесинин кабагынан каар жаап калганын коруп, журогу болк этти. Женеси болсо, аны суук карап туруп, бир дагы соз айтпай, башка болмого басып кирип кетти. Акниет турган боюнча тура берди. Бир кезден кийин женеси:

-Эмне турасын?! Бери кел, соз бар!- деди Акниет коздорун алайта чон ачып жанына келип отурду.

-Менин уйумдо сага орун жок. Озубузго дагы тар болуп жатат. Кайсы жерге барсан ошол жерге бар!

Акниет, ошол замат, аны журогуно бирөө бычак сайгансып, ийлап жиберди.

-Кыштын кыраан чилдесинде каяка барам? Кимдикине?

Эми канттим?!- деди, Акниет.

К.

## PEN'S PIRANHAS



For the first time in our country, a program called Media Management Summer School 2008 was organized. This recent development has given our local journalists more knowledge in modern methods of marketing mass media, management ideas, public relations (PR), and advertisements. It has also helped the basics of conducting Media research related to our Central Asian region. The main sponsor of this whole event was the "Media Support Center Foundation." This organization has been well known in Kyrgyzstan over the past five years for providing our country with a state-of-the-art printing press.

"The sponsor, "Media Support Center Foundation," gave us a unique opportunity enjoy to Issyk-Kul in such an informal atmosphere. I had many acquaintances with fellow colleagues, and the lectures on the School of Media Management left an indelible impression on my heart. Thanks to this event, I got acquainted with so many interesting people, many of whom I shared a lot of the same knowledge, experiences, and ideas. The organization of this Media Research helped us to open up and make more friends. I hope that I can use the knowledge that I gained from this event, and apply it to building new friendships."

Ular Omorov, journalist:

It is important to emphasize that the Media Management Summer School was held in an informal condition. The seminar took place on a small tourist resort called "Solnyshko" and was located right on the beach of Issyk-Kul. The participants were able to combine the pleasure of the peaceful environment with their daily assignments. The warm fresh air, the incredible weather, and the beautiful blue skies of Issyk-Kul all helped to host a friendly atmosphere for everyone involved.

One of the most significant facts I discovered was that the sponsoring organization recruited only professional instructors. I was very privileged to see that among them was our own AUCA staff: media researcher and sociologist, Gulnara Ibraeva, and specialist in PR, Elizabeth Zalkind.

**The follow people were participants in the event and they shared the following opinions:**

**Anastasiya Kuznetsova**, the advertisement manager of the "Avtomobil'naya Omega Newspaper":

"The training was held in an informal atmosphere, which beneficially influenced the process of studying and the whole perception of the educational program. I got a maximum amount of useful information about marketing and media research from this single event and now I am ready to work hard after being filled with all this new knowledge. Thanks to the sponsor, "Media Support Center Foundation," I have increased my knowledge, and learned some educational aspects which has given me a powerful incentive to utilize my ideas in the media management field."

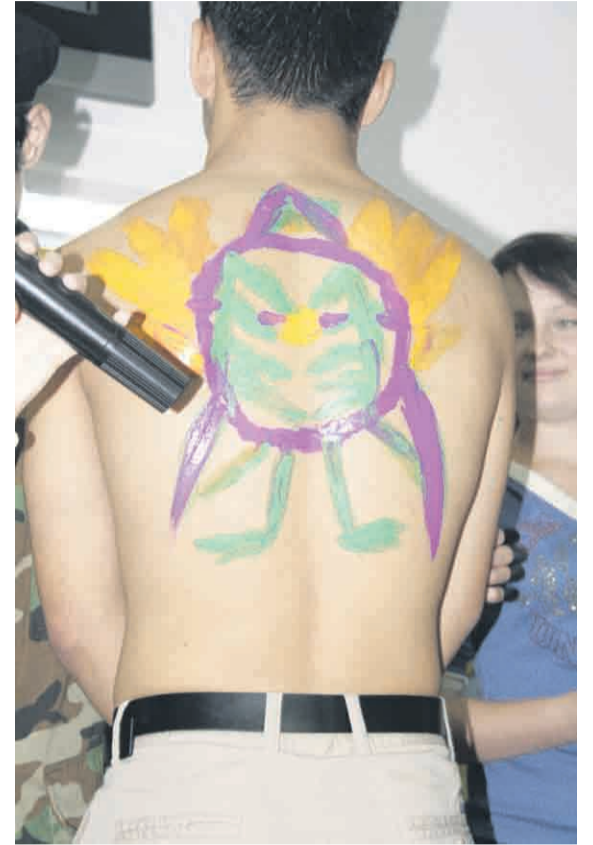
I am so glad that I also got to be one of participants of the Media Management Summer School. Not only did I get to join with my fellow faculty members on behalf of AUCA, but I also was a proud representation of "The STAR" newspaper as well. I really want to emphasize that there was not only theory, but practice also, at this seminar and that to me was a big deal. This conference also gave me a lot of knowledge and skills that I plan to use for the welfare of advancing our student newspaper.

by Altynai Myrzabekova

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